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Office Action Summary

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—The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet beneath the correspondence address—

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/2/02.
- ☒ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 1 1; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 8-17 and 31-38 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 8-17 and 31-38 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
 - ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1 7.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Other _____

Office Action Summary

Claims 31-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph for the reasons set forth in the Office Action of October 23, 2001.

Applicant's arguments filed May 2, 2002 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants contend that antibiotics possess anti-inflammatory activity. This argument has not been found persuasive because there is nothing of record or in the art that indicates that anti-inflammatory activity has anything to do with the treatment of an Alzheimer's disease.

Claims 8-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shor et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,424,187) in combination with Koskiniemi et al (Eur Neurol 1996; 36:160-163) for the reasons set forth in the Office Action of October 23, 2001.

Applicant's arguments filed May 2, 2002 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants contend that the results presented are suggestive that antibiotics therapy may be useful in treating Alzheimer's disease. Thus applicants admit that there is not enough evidence of record to show that the claimed methods are effective in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. The declaration by Dr. Feinstein states that Koskiniemi et al does not disclose that there was an active Chlamydia pneumoniae infection in the CNS in any of the meningitis patients described. The declaration has not been found persuasive because the Shor et al reference was used to show that antibiotics are effective for the treatment of Chlamydia pneumoniae infection whether in suppression of said infection or in clearance of bacteria. Based on the teaching by Shor et al in combination with Koskiniemi et al a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the instant invention was made would have been motivated to treat Chlamydia pneumoniae infection with antibiotics in whatever cells said infection was present.

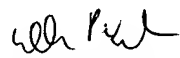
THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elli Peselev whose telephone number is (703) 308-4616. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann R. Richter, can be reached on (703) 308-4532. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4556.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.


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